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MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND JOINT
ADVISORY GROUP (JAG)

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1. RE TECHCOM RECOMMENDATION ON ITC FINANCIAL AND AD-
MINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, U.S. REP SHOULD SEEK JAG
REFERRAL OF QUESTION TO PARENT BODIES OF ITC BEFORE
TAKING DEFINITIVE POSITION. THIS RECOMMENDATION CALLING
FOR REVERSION TO ARRANGEMENTS AS PROPOSED IN 1972
GATT/UNCTAD STUDY (C/W/212) SEEMS TO GO COUNTER TO
ACCOMMODATION REACHED BETWEEN ATT AND UN, REOPENING ISSUE
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WHICH MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S., THOUGHT HAD BEEN

RESOLVED. IF MERE REFERRAL TO PARENT BODIES (WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION) NOT FEASIBLE, U.S. REP SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT JOIN IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION TO REVERT TO (C/W/212) BUT SHOULD INSTEAD PUT IN U.S. RESERVATION PENDING CLARIFICATION OF GATT, UNCTAD AND UN SECRETARIAT POSITIONS.

2. AS APPROPRIATE, U.S. REP MAY STATE USG HAD NOT BEEN AWARE SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED AT THIS TIME AND THEREFORE HAD NOT PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS ISSUE FOR TECHCOM MEETING. HE MAY INDICATE USG BELIEVES PROBLEM SHOULD RECEIVE FULLER CONSIDERATION BEFORE SPECIFIC

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE. IN USG VIEW, PROPOSAL MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS BEYOND ITC OPERATIONS AND INVOLVES QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION WHICH SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD.

3. MANNER IN WHICH ISSUE IS PRESENTED IN TEXT OF DRAFT REPORT (PARA 1 OF REFTEL) ALSO GIVES US SOME PROBLEMS. DRAFT CONTAINS INTERPRETATIONS AND ARGUMENTS THAT MIGHT BETTER BE EXCLUDED WITH TEXT CONFINED TO MORE OBJECTIVE FACTUAL STATEMENT.

4. U.S. REP IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL (PARA 2 OF REFTEL) THAT UNDP-FINANCED TRADE PROMOTION PROJECTS BE SUBALLOTTED TO ITC, IN VIEW OF ITS ROLE WITHIN UN SYSTEM AS FOCAL POINT FOR ASSISTANCE OF THIS KIND,

PROVIDED TEXT IS AMENDED TO READ QUOTE...BE SUBALLOTTED TO ITC WHERE FEASIBLE...UNQUOTE. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE VIEWS OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT MADE AVAILABLE TO JAG SINCE--AS OCCURRED WITH TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FROM GATT--THERE MAY BE REASONS EXTRANEOUS TO ITC FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL.

5. U.S. REP SHOULD ALSO ENDORSE RECOMMENDATION (PARA 3, REFTEL) THAT SET-ASIDE FOR UNDP AND TRUST FUND PROJECTS BE INCREASED TO PROVIDE FOR TRUE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS. RUSH
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